



MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, September 7, 2019
PMC, Hammond, LA

Invocation - Harold Choate

Pledge of Allegiance – Club

Welcome – Bob Chambers

Secretary Report – Harold Choate

We have 56 active members. 30 people attended last month's meeting. Average attendance is 36 3/4 people which is about 65% of the membership. I think that's pretty good.

Treasurer Report – Brian Fitzgerald

Starting Balance: \$???

Deposit: \$???

Spent: \$???

Ending Balance: \$7559.30 in our checking account. I just wrote a few checks which takes us down to about \$7000. We have been paid for everything owed to the club.

Currently we have 56 paid members.

Webmaster Report – Kesh Ikuma

Summary of survey on routers was read to the club. Discussion and comments from the audience took place.

Vice President Report – Jim Landry

The Dec. meeting will be at Keith Bryan's shop. The skill topic is Milling Lumber by Roy Smith. , I'm working on putting that together next year's Skill Topics. Kesh sent out a survey about a month ago. I've had 15 responses out of the 50 or so members in the club so about 25 percent of you responded. I have some hard copies here if you would rather fill one of them out rather than the online survey, just pick one up. I'll wait a week and do a followup if I haven't heard from you. It is a short survey, only 5 questions so it doesn't take long to do. Terry Landry is doing a Hand Tools workshop at the West Baton Rouge Museum. Kesh will put the dates on the website. One is building a footstool, another one later in the year is building a tool post. Only 4 people per class so signup quick. Bob Chambers asked if the instructions for the St. Joseph's Abbey meeting will be posted. Jim answered yes and they are the same as originally planned. The date is November 2.

Service Projects Report – Lee Owens We have some outstanding quotes out to Lighthouse for the Blind. They have had them for a few months, and we haven't heard anything from them. We don't know if they will ever approve any of them so that is just pending. We have quoted Alliance House 24 chest of drawers. They have to go out and ask for the money to build them. If we get approval, we will be very busy next year. HP Dream Center on Windbourne Ave asked if we would

build some cabinets and a trophy case for them. I don't think that's going to happen because of their limited budget. We finished the boxes and rocking chairs for Quad Vets. That's it except to say we aren't looking for any more work for the remainder of the year because of the Alliance House project.

Educational Outreach Report – Bob Chambers. We had the Charlie's Place birdhouse building event. 11 members participated.

Safety Minute – Jackie Parker. Jackie shared the experience of cutting off part of his thumb on his table saw with those present. He encouraged us to read the operating manual and follow the instructions for safe operation. Especially keeping your hands from an area 6" in every direction around the spinning blade.

New Business:

Shop space for rent—Cedric Broussard announced he has gone back to work but doesn't want to put his shop equipment in storage. He is open to working with someone who would like to use the equipment. He has the larger machines to do heavier milling, etc. His place is located right across from the BR airport.

Skill Topic Classes—The Executive Committee approved the offering of classes on a couple of topics. Bob and Lee have developed an itinerary for a class on woodturning. It will be very basic so if you've already done some turning this is not for you. It is patterned after the class Terry Landry held a couple of years ago. Bob envisioned 5 people per class. A show of hands indicated about 8 people interested so 2 different sessions will be held. Bob went thru a summary of the class topics. These classes will take place after the new year.

Project Team Credit—The Executive Committee decided that once Lee Owens puts a project team together it will be the Project Team Leader's responsibility to report any changes to Lee so an accurate record of participation can take place.

Executive Committee Next Meeting—There will not be a meeting at the Nov. monthly meeting because we'll be at St. Joseph's Abbey. A meeting will take place later in the month during the week.

Membership dues will not be collected till January 2020 in order to give Kesh and Shawn time to do the participation summary.

Cables for smart phone hookup to projector—This will enable us to use our phones to do show and tell and share pictures at the meetings without making thumb drives or sending files to Kesh.

Officer nominating committee—Bob will set the committee up later this week and schedule a meeting during September. The committee will have 10-12 members so if anyone on the committee can't make the meeting there will be a large enough number to do a good job. Election of officers will take place in December due to the St. Joseph's Abbey tour in November.

Birdhouse Build—Warren Dufrene, all the donated lumber has been taken. Warren has made the donuts for the birdhouses. It is important for the birdhouses to have the donut otherwise bluebirds won't use them. The donuts need to be either attached or predrilled to be sure they can be used. Keith Bryan showed us a couple of jigs he made for assembly and for storing screws and nails. Members were encouraged to make these and bring them to use at Swamp Fest. Members were asked to bring their birdhouse kits to the check in table when they arrive so the kits can be

counted. Keith went to great lengths to encourage everyone to be sure they get credit for the number of kits they have made. The official time for to begin is 10:00 am however we need to be there around 8:00 am in order to set up and avoid the confusion of a last minute rush. The meeting attendance sheet will be at the table with the birdhouse kit check in. Bob asked us to be there no later than 9:00 am because parking is also a problem.

Skill Topic: Jeff Springer, How to make a chair.

Show & Tell –

Jay Caldwell
George Cenac
Warren Dufrene
Brian Fitzgerald
Wayne Matherne

Kurt Mihalik
Arthur Miller
Douglas Morgan
Lee Owens
Ray Shook

Hays Town
David Young

In Attendance –

John Bartus
C.J. Bergeron
Bob Bewick
Cedric Broussard
Keith Bryan
Jay Caldwell
George Campagna
Jack Carmena
George Cenac
Bob Chambers

Harold Choate
Curtis Dawson
Warren Dufrene
Brian Fitzgerald
Jim Landry
Micheal Lee
George Lewis
Ed Lundin
Wayne Matherne

Kurt Mihalik
Arthur Miller
Douglas Morgan
John Murphy
Lee Owens
Jackie Parker
Dale Ragel